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Responsibilities of Planning Committees

Date: Wednesday 13 November 2013

Time: 9.30 am – 1:30 pm

Venue: The Islandview Room

Lough Neagh Discovery Centre, Oxford Island National Nature Reserve
Craigavon, BT66 6NJ

This is a councillor focused event considering the roles and relationships of elected members and officers dealing with planning committees, an essential element of any prosperous council area.

The aim of this event is to provide a realistic reflection of what the role of an elected representative on a planning committee will entail; some of the pitfalls and hazards, supported by examples while still reflecting on how positive and important the role can be.

Programme

9.30 am - Registration and coffee. A light lunch will also be provided.

Speakers

Environment Minister Mark H Durkan

Cllr Mike Haines, District Councillor at Teignbridge (South Devon), will be sharing his experiences of planning committees, the importance of the role, the vulnerabilities and highpoints.

Angus Kerr, Director, DOE Planning Policy Division, will speak about the pending publication of DOE produced documents on code of conduct and ethics for council members along with considering the transitional process.

Dr Roisin Willmott, Director of RTPI Wales and Northern Ireland, talk about a study recently commissioned by the RTPI on behalf of the Welsh Government of the operation of planning committees. Roisin will draw out the lessons that Northern Ireland can learn from this report to support it establish an effective planning committee system.

Dr Peter Geraghty, RTPI President and Group Manager for Development Control and Building Control, Southend-on-Sea Borough Council will draw on his own experiences working with elected members and overview how the RTPI can support delegates.

Cost

- RTPI Members £15.00
- Non-members £20.00
- Licentiates, students and unemployed : free

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SPEAKER DETAILS

Mark H. Durkan MLA, Environment Minister, was elected to the Northern Ireland Assembly in 2011. Prior to taking up the post of Environment Minister in July 2013 Mark served as the SDLP's Social Development spokesperson. Mark has chaired Derry City Council's Planning, Policy and Resources Committee and the Environmental Services Committee.

Cllr Mike Haines has been a District Councillor at Teignbridge (South Devon) since 1987. During the 90s he was Chair of Planning and of the Council, and was also Chair of the Local Government Partnership Committee (1998 to 2003). From 2003 to 2007 he was Chair of Planning (Development Control), 2007 to May 2011 he was Executive Portfolio Holder for Planning. He was also Chair of the Teign Estuary Partnership, Chair of the member group (10 Authorities) for the South Devon and Dorset Shoreline Management Plan and Chair of the Devon Building Control Partnership. He is currently Leader of the Teignbridge Independent Group and Chair of Overview & Scrutiny. Since 2003 Mike has been involved with the Local Government Association, he was Deputy Chair of the LGA Environment Board from 2005 to 2011 and is now Deputy Chair of the LGA Economy & Transport Board. He was Chair of the National Planning Forum (2009 -2011), and also chaired the LGA's Inland Flood Risk Management Group. His previous occupation was as a teacher / FE lecturer of geography and environmental science from the mid 70s until 2002.

Dr Roisin Willmott, Director of RTPi Wales and NI. Prior to the RTPi, she worked for an economic and planning consultancy, leading a number of planning contracts for the Welsh Assembly Government, including the study which examined how national planning policies in Wales are developed. Roisin's career in planning first began in the strategic planning department at Northamptonshire County Council. She then moved into regeneration at the Vale of Glamorgan Borough Council in the early 1990s, moving to Coleg Gwent as the European Programme Manager in 2001. She studied for a PhD, analysing the changing governance systems in Wales used to implement European Regional Policy and is Chair of the Centre for Regeneration Excellence Wales (CREW).

Angus Kerr, as Director of Planning Policy Division has responsibility for planning legislation and policy. He previously led the team developing the new development plan system for NI as part of the planning reform process and was also involved in the team that took the Planning reform Bill through the Assembly.

Dr Peter Geraghty, President of the Royal Town Planning Institute, and Head of Planning and Transport at Southend on Sea Borough Council. Peter has over twenty-five years experience of working across the public, private and voluntary sectors in the fields of planning and development. As Chief Planning Officer for Brentwood Borough Council and Head of Planning and Conservation at Broadland District Council he has had responsibility for managing the authority's planning service and advising on large planning applications including housing, transportation, industrial, retail and regeneration schemes. He has worked for authorities in London, Essex and Norfolk. He is also a former volunteer and Director for Planning Aid for London and was Chair of the Regional Management Board of the Eastern Region of the RTPi in 2011.

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